

At page 6, replace the first full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

A2 As shown in Fig. 1B, the locking member 10 includes a locking arm 12 supported by a pair of supporters 14 in a cantilevered manner, on the second connector housing 1b. The locking retainer 11 is formed on a free end portion of the locking arm 12. The locking member 10 also includes a lock canceller 13 for canceling the engagement between the locking projection 2 and the locking retainer 11, or in other words, disengaging the locking projection 2 from the locking retainer 11.

At page 6, replace the second paragraph with the following new paragraph:

A3 The engagement detector 20 includes a detection arm 21 extending in a cantilevered manner. A detection hook 22 is formed on a free end portion of the detection arm 21. The detection hook 22 is to be interfered with the locking retainer 11 for detecting an engagement state of the connector housings 1a and 1b. The engagement detector 20 is held in the second connector housing 1b so as to be slidable between a locked position and an engagement confirming position (in an arrow C direction) as described later.

At page 7, replace the second full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

A4 When the first connector housing 1a is inserted into the second connector housing 1b, as shown in Fig. 3, a first face 2a of the locking projection 2 and a corner formed by second and third faces 11b and 11c of the locking retainer 11 interfere with each other. However, since the

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first face 2a of the locking projection 2 is sloped with respect to the inserting direction of the first connector housing 1a, the locking arm 12 undergoes flexible deformation, and the locking retainer 11 rides on the first face 2a of the locking projection 2. Here, to facilitate the riding of the locking retainer 11 on the first face 2a of the locking projection 2, the corner formed by the second and third faces 11b and 11c of the locking retainer 11 is rounded.

At pages 8-9, replace the bridging paragraph with the following new paragraph:

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Rounding the corner formed by first and second faces 22a and 22b of the detection hook 22, and providing a third face 2c on the locking projection 2 and a fifth face 11e on the locking retainer 11, the free movement of the detection hook 22 on the second face 2b of the locking projection 2 and the fourth face 11d of the locking retainer 11 is facilitated.

At page 10, replace the third full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

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Here, since the manipulation stopper 5 is provided on the second connector housing 1b, even if the lock canceller 13 is manipulated excessively with carelessness, the supporters 14 will not undergo plastic deformation due to its excess displacement.

At pages 10-11, replace the bridging paragraph with the following new paragraph:

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For example, contrary to the above embodiment, the first connector housing 1a may be provided with the locking member 10 and the engagement detector 20, and the second connector